

Dr. Veronica Hunnicutt, Chairperson
The Mayor's Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee
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Dear Dr. Hunnicutt:

Thank you for your letter, received June 14, 2018, concerning the status of ongoing cleanup activities at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) Superfund Site. I share the concerns you raised and EPA is committed to ensuring the cleanup is complete and the community is involved throughout this process.

As we have stated in recent years—including through fact sheets, at community meetings, and at the May 14th hearing that San Francisco Supervisor Malia Cohen requested—based on the work completed to date and history of the site, EPA does not believe anyone living or working at HPNS faces health risks due to fraudulent data collection work by Tetra Tech EC Inc. The areas in question are enclosed under protective covers or inside locked buildings in secured locations. The Navy routinely collects radiological data from air monitors, groundwater, and fence-line scans. These measures, and others, such as dust controls, protect the community during ongoing cleanup and investigation work.

Regarding Parcel A, the Navy and EPA participated in a site walk with the individuals who made the new allegations, and we are reviewing the information they provided. While that review proceeds, the Navy and EPA agree that it is prudent to proceed with plans to test the area. The Navy requested that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is currently conducting radiological testing throughout Parcel A-1, which is the major part of Parcel A and the area where residents are located. CDPH developed and is currently implementing a workplan for the requested testing. EPA supports the Navy, the overall site lead, and CDPH, the lead on the Parcel A scanning, in testing Parcel A using an efficient and health-protective approach. We are also supporting the lead agencies in communicating with Shipyard residents and the broader public about these efforts.

Regarding work being done to address concerns about properties not yet transferred, on June 15, 2018, the Navy released its draft Parcel G workplan that discusses the retesting process to the regulatory agencies and public for comment. EPA is reviewing the draft workplan and will work with the Navy and state regulatory agencies to ensure the retesting and cleanup is protective of public health at the site. We have encouraged the Navy to develop a tentative radiological retest project schedule to share with the CAC and the broader public.

EPA remains committed to ensuring that the Bayview-Hunters Point community is protected from exposure to radiation and that the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Site can be used for work, recreation, and residential purposes. We have assembled a team of national experts from throughout EPA—in radiation, statistics, geology and other areas—and for the past three years they have worked tirelessly on this issue. We will continue to keep you and the CAC informed

about developments at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site. If EPA can be of further assistance, please contact my staff Remedial Project Manager, Lily Lee, at (415) 947-418 or via e-mail at [[HYPERLINK "mailto:lee.lily@epa.gov"](mailto:lee.lily@epa.gov)] or Community Involvement Coordinator, Jackie Lane, at (415) 972-3236 or via email at [[HYPERLINK "mailto:lane.jackie@epa.gov"](mailto:lane.jackie@epa.gov)]

Sincerely,

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